TOK Essay Outline

**“The possession of knowledge carries an ethical responsibility.” Evaluate this claim.**

Introduction:

* The essay title chosen and why I chose it
* Thesis statement
* The areas of knowledge: (Human sciences, Natural sciences, Ethics, Religion)
* The ways of knowing that relate: (Emotion, Reason, Perception)

Paragraph 1:

* The different meanings of the claim (if any)
* The questions that could be raised from this
* Knowledge issue

Paragraph 2:

* An example relating to area of knowledge (Human sciences)
* The ways of knowing that can be linked to it
* Arguments for and against (different perspectives)
* How it supports the thesis statement and the knowledge issue

Paragraph 3:

* An example relating to area of knowledge (Natural sciences)
* The ways of knowing that can be linked to it
* Arguments for and against (different perspectives)
* How it supports the thesis statement and the knowledge issue

Paragraph 4:

* An example relating to area of knowledge (Ethics and religion)
* The ways of knowing that can be linked to it
* Arguments for and against (different perspectives)
* How it supports the thesis statement and the knowledge issue

Paragraph 5:

* Bring in Kant’s theory
* Self interest theory
* How consistent people would be when being ethically responsible with the knowledge they have
* Moral relativism – where the moral come from and different perspectives that effect the morals

Conclusion:

* Wrap up mains arguments/points made in each example
* Answer knowledge issue briefly
* Drawbacks of arguments made
* Whether I agree with the claim or not – why?